

**AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS**

As required in the Office Action, Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended to disclose the open ends of the vertical pipes and the conventional dovetail joint which connects the horizontal and vertical pipes. Fig. 1 is a sectional view of the ex-vessel core melt retention device consisting of horizontal and vertical pipes, connection part being in the form of a conventional dovetail joint and a flow supply system according to the present invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the ex-vessel core melt retention device.